

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1303

WHEREAS, I previously declared a State of Emergency, which remains in effect, and the State of Mississippi has been and will continue to be severely affected by Hurricane Isaac, including by damaging winds, severe thunderstorms, flooding, and possible tornadoes over wide areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, State and local governments have encouraged and in some cases required residents of counties in south Mississippi to evacuate inland; and

WHEREAS, some courthouses in south Mississippi closed and in some cases remain closed due to Hurricane Isaac and its effects; and

WHEREAS, residents desiring to redeem tax-forfeited properties prior to an August 31st deadline should not be required to endanger their safety in order to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby find that strict compliance with the two-year redemption period and interest provision of Section 27-45-3 of the Mississippi Code would hinder necessary action to cope with Hurricane Isaac.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 33-15-11(c)(1) of the Mississippi Code, I hereby Order as follows: In Hancock County, Harrison County, and Jackson County, and any other county in which the office of the chancery clerk closed for at least one day as a result of Hurricane Isaac:

1. All two-year tax-sale redemption deadlines that, pursuant to Section 27-45-3, were scheduled to expire during the last week of August 2012, shall be extended to September 7, 2012.
2. For any two-year tax-sale redemption deadline extended pursuant to this Executive Order, there shall be no additional 1.5% interest charge for the period of the extension.

All chancery clerks covered by this Executive Order shall conduct themselves and their tax-sale redemption procedures accordingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 30th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and in the two hundred and thirty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States of America.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

C. DELBERT HOSEMAN, JR.
SECRETARY OF STATE